



Sons of the American Revolution

# East-Fork Trinity Chapter 47

## President's Message:



Greetings Compatriots:

I hope all is well with YOU and YOURS. It is an Honor and a Privilege to serve as your President. I have asked our Honorable and Distinguished Color Guard Commander Randall van Heyst to reach out to J. D. Martin Color Guard Commander of the Dallas SAR Chapter and East Fork Trinity Chapter to participate in an Immigration Naturalization Ceremony.

George Washington's Birthday February 21, 2026 Laredo, Texas  
2026 Gainesville Medal of Honor Parade, Saturday April 18, 2026  
California Street between the Railroad and Braum's at 10am  
SIGN UP FOR THIS EVENT CLOSES APRIL 3rd 2026

Registration for the Gainesville Medal of Honor will begin on February 12th at our Business Meeting. I will have a signup sheet for our compatriots who wish to participate in this historic event.

Texas SAR Convention Austin, Texas  
April 16, Thursday All Day  
April 17, Friday All Day  
April 18, Saturday All Day  
April 19, Sunday All Day  
Memorial Day May 25, 2026

The Grand Daddy of all celebrations will be July 4, 2026, the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and the founding of the United States of America. We are going to be busy and still have time to celebrate our heritage. We are blessed to have been born here. I could have easily been born in a third world country. I look forward to seeing You at Business Meeting February 12th, 2026.

Respectfully

Bob Kubin

President

East Fork Trinity # 47

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### 2020 Officers

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**Randall van Heyst  
Opens January  
Meeting**



**Karalynn van Heyst Presents Joseph  
Plumb Martin Video Contest Entry on  
"All About Ben"**



**Slate of Officers Sworn in for 2026 Left to Right Are: Bob Kubin, President;  
Jason Gray, Vice President; Guy Sargeant, Secretary; Gary Lovell, Treasurer;  
Jeffrey Witt, Registrar; Jason Whitbeck, Historian and Walt Thomas, Chaplin,  
Along with Tom Van Fossen and Randall van Heyst**





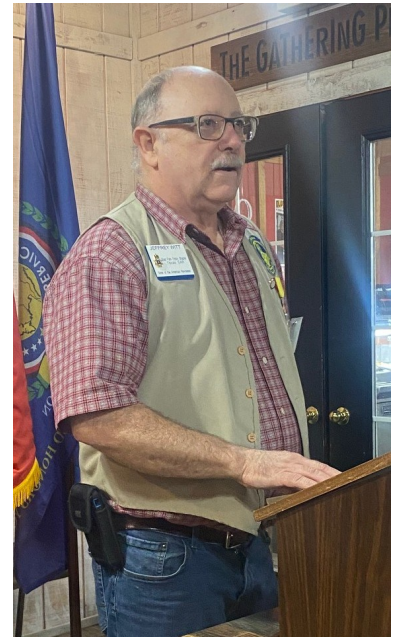
**Upper Left: Randall Passes the Gavel to Bob.**

**Upper: Randall Fassens the President's Lanyard.**

**Left: Tom Presents Randall the Past President's Pin.**



**Left: Bob Kubin Gives Us His Opening Remarks.**



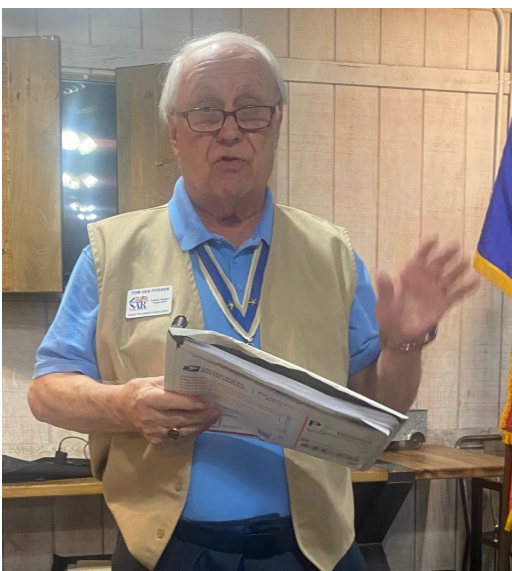
**Right: Jeff Witt Gives Registrar's Report.**



**Left: Randall van Heyst Gives Color Guard Report.**



**Right: Gary Lovell Gives Treasurer's Report**



**Left: Tom Van Fossen Updates us on new SAR Contest.**



**Right: Elizabeth Witt Wins the Door Prize..**



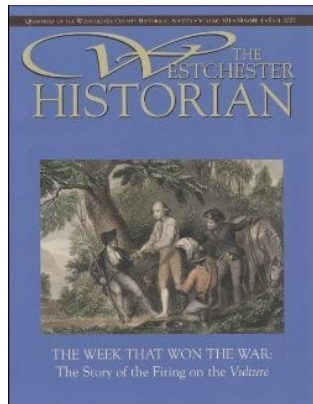
**Tarrytown Revolutionary War Heros Monument Located in Sleepy Hollow Cemetery**

## Happy New Year!!!!

**The next meeting will be Thursday, February 12th at **Soulman's Barbeque** at **691 East Interstate 30 in Rockwall.****

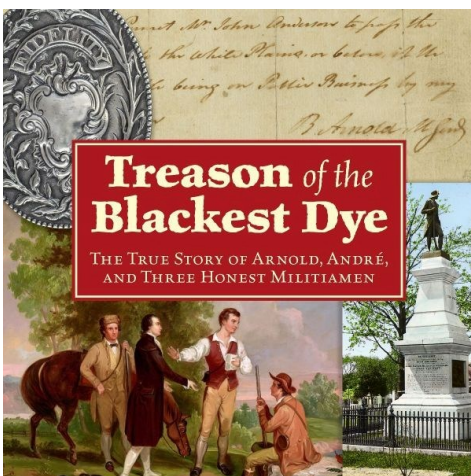
**Dinner is at 5:30ish and the meeting will start promptly at 7:00.**

***David Jackson, Editor***



## New Research Published on the Capture of John André

The most recent issue of *The Westchester Historian*, the quarterly publication of the Westchester County Historical Society, includes "The Story of the Firing on *The Vulture*" by Char Weigel and "The Incident on Teller's Point" by Marc Cheshire. Both authors serve as Vice Presidents of RW250.



*Opening – Treason of the Blackest Dye: The True Story of Arnold, André, and Three Honest Militiamen.* Hosted by Irvington Historical Society. An exhibition developed by Revolutionary Westchester 250 based on new primary research by RW250 Vice President Char Weigel takes a deep dive into the people and events behind Benedict Arnold's treason and the capture and execution of British Major John André. Curated by Char Weigel (RW250) with Marion Osmon, Alan Richardson and Pat Ryan (Irvington Historical Society).

Exhibit opens February 21 with curators on-site to discuss the exhibition. Ongoing through August 2026. *Thursdays and Saturdays from 1:00–4:00 p.m.* Irvington History Center, 131 Main Street, Irvington, NY 10533



## **Bonham Needs Listing Winter 2026**

We appreciate your interest in wanting to serve Veterans and below is an updated needs listing. All items must be new and in original packaging.

### **Clothing & Comfort Items:**

Body Wash (no bar soap or hotel/motel toilet rics)

Deodorant

Lotion

Electric Razors (for Veterans on blood thinners)

Razors (disposable double to triple blade)

Shaving Cream

Nail Clippers

Brushes and Combs

Chapstick

### **Refreshments:**

Individually wrapped snack items to include ingredients are welcome, but no homemade food items. Items such as the following:

Bottled Water

Coffee and Supplies

Juices (small boxed)

Chips

Cookies

Candy

Danishes, Donuts

## **Miscellaneous:**

Leather Crafts

Plastic Models (Cars, Airplanes, Ships, Etc.

Dominoes (Big)

Journals, notebooks

Adult coloring books, with colors or colored pencils

Paint by Stickers

Markers

Stamps

Pens, stationary

Cross word puzzles/word search (large print)

Sudoku books (large print)

New books, new magazines

Water Pitcher for the courtyard garden

## **Seeking Sponsorship for the following items/activities:**

Monthly Birthday Socials

Bingo & Prizes

Cooking Group – monthly or quarterly

Bowling for Domiciliary Residents

Bonham State Park Pass

Sporting & Music Events

## **Monetary and In-Kind Donations by mail, please send to:**

Sam Rayburn Memorial Veterans Center

Center for Development and Civic Engagement (135)

Atten: Tina McDaniel, CDCE Specialist 1201 E. 9th Street

Bonham, Texas 75418

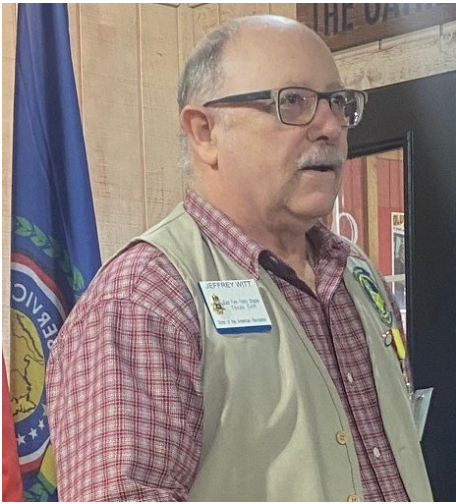
If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make check or money order **payable to Bonham VA Medical Center.**

**You can also donate to the Bonham VA Medical Center using E-Donate online:**

Donating is just a click away with an online donation option that provides community members the account of their choice. E-Donate provides a quick, safe way for you to pledge your support to Veterans online.

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All donations must be coordinated with Center for Development and Civic Engagement (CDCE) for acceptance and delivery drop off. Should you have questions regarding donations please call 903-583-6282 or email [tina.mcdaniel@va.gov](mailto:tina.mcdaniel@va.gov). Items may be mailed to address block as noted above.



## The Registrar's Corner

February 2026

### NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

1. Prospective Regular Member: Roy Semtner was referred to EFT by State Secretary Ray Cox. Patriot researched, Application Completed, signed and mailed to State on 3 Sept 2025. Received at National on 20 Oct 2025. (ACN: 120189). First Line Sponsor: Dave Powell. Awaiting National Review.
2. Prospective Regular Member: John Martin was referred to EFT by member Russ Martin. Patriot researched, Application completed, and mailed to State on 29 Sep 2025. Received at National on 20 Oct 2025, (ACN: 120184). First Line Sponsor: David Powell. Awaiting National Review.
3. Prospective Regular Member: Matthew Martin was referred to EFT by member Russ Martin. Patriot researched, Application completed, and mailed to State on 29 Sep 2025. Received at National on 20 Oct 2025, (ACCN: 120185), First Line Sponsor: David Powell, Awaiting National Review.
4. Prospective Regular Member: Bobby Moorehead was referred to EFT by Debbie West. Bobby's Patriot is George Miller. First Line Sponsor: David B. West. We are working to get Expedited Processing because Applicate is 91 years old. Awaiting State Review.

5. Prospective Regular Member: Nathaniel Bendorf was referred to EFT by Dave Powell at a Masonic Lodge meeting. His application was completed, signed and mailed to State on 25 Nov 2025. Nathaniel's Patriot is John Stanley. First Line Sponsor: Bob Vickers. Awaiting State Review.
6. Prospective Junior Member Archer Phillips, referred to EFT by Della Vickers. The application has been completed and was mailed to State on 5 January 2026. First Line Sponsor: Bob Vickers. Awaiting State Review DAR Referral Form submitted for Della Vickers.
7. Prospective Junior Member Charles Vickers was referred to EFT by Della Vickers. The application has been completed and was mailed to State on 5 January 2026. First Line Sponsor: Bob Vickers. Awaiting State Review. DAR Referral Form Submitted for Della Vickers.
8. Prospective Member Ben Derryberry was referred to EFT by the State Communications Secretary. The application has been completed, checked and is awaiting signatures. First Line Sponsor: Bob Vickers. Out for Signatures.
9. Prospective Member Thomas Derryberry, referred to EFT by Ben Derryberry. The application has been completed, checked and it is out for signatures. First Line Sponsor: Bob Vickers. Out for Signatures.
10. Prospective Regular Member Seth Dowdle was referred to EFT by his father (Member) Jeff Dowdle. Application in Work. First Line Sponsor: David Powell. Application In Work.
11. Prospective Regular Member Chase Dowdle was referred to EFT by his father (Member) Jeff Dowdle. Application in work. First Line Sponsor: David Powell. Application In Work.
12. Prospective Regular Member: Brandon Kobel was referred to EFT by the State Communications Secretary. First line Sponsor Jeff Witt. Research in progress.
13. Prospective Regular Member: Curt Coltharp was referred to EFT by the State Communications Secretary. First line Sponsor Jeff Witt. Research in progress.

14. Prospective Regular Member: Connor Humphrey was referred to EFT by the State Communications Secretary. Connor's patriot is Jacob Stoneking. Jeff Witt has finished the application. Out for Signatures. First Line Sponsor: Jeff Witt. \*Catherine Marie Mader Humphrey DAR Finder Referral.

15. Prospective Regular Member: Cole Humphrey was referred to EFT by his brother Connor Humphrey. Cole's Patriot is Jacob Stoneking. Jeff Witt has finished the application. Out for Signatures.

First Line Sponsor: Jeff Witt. \*Catherine Marie Mader Humphrey DAR Finder Referral.

16. Prospective Regular Member: Jowell Peden was referred to EFT by the State Communications Secretary. Jeff Witt has finished the application. Out for Signatures. First Line Sponsor: Jeff Witt. \* Elizabeth Witt DAR finder Referral.

17. Prospective Regular Member: Steve Summers was referred to EFT by the State Communications Secretary. Welcome Email sent. Awaiting a Reply.

18. Prospective Regular Member: Doug Lockwood was referred to EFT by the State Fair. Welcome Email sent. Awaiting a Reply.

19. Prospective Regular Member: Nelson Hughs was referred by the State Fair. The provided Email did not work. Welcome Email sent. We called him on 11/17/2025 and we are waiting for a reply. Awaiting a Reply.

20. Prospective Regular Member: Drake Pledger was referred to EFT by the State Fair. Welcome Email sent. Awaiting a Reply.